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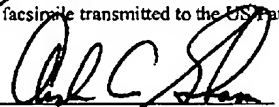
This paper is responsive to the Final Office action mailed on August 3, 2006. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-17, 34, 36-40, and 42-55 were examined.

Allowable Subject Matter

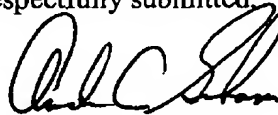
Claims 34, 36-40, and 42-49 were allowed. Claim 53 has been amended to now depend from allowed claim 34. Applicant has canceled all other pending claims without prejudice for possible presentation in a continuing application.

Summary

Claims 34, 36-40, 42-49 and 53 remain in the case. All claims have been already allowed or depend from an allowed claim, and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully solicited. Nonetheless, if any issues remain that could be more efficiently handled by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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